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News Summary:

On April 12, 2005, United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced that a federal grand jury in the Eastern District of Wisconsin had indicted **Hazel J. Washington** (d/o/b 2/8/47), an attorney practicing in the Milwaukee area, on one count of filing a false income tax return, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1).

The indictment alleges that on her income tax return for 1998, Ms. Washington:

a.   Falsely indicated that she and her husband had total income of only $40,136, when, in fact, she and her husband had total income during 1998 of over $140,000;

b.   falsely indicated that she and he husband had taxable income of only $21,816, when, in fact, she and her husband had taxable income during 1998 of over $120,000; and

c.   falsely indicated that the total federal income tax obligation, including self-employment taxes, for Ms. Washington and her husband was only $8,930, when, in fact, she and her husband had a total federal income tax obligation during 1998 of over $40,000.

If convicted of the offense charged in the indictment, Ms. Washington would face up to three (3) years in prison, a maximum fine of $250,000, up to one (1) year of supervised release, and a $100 special assessment.

This case is being investigated by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Richard Frohling.

The public is cautioned that an indictment is merely the formal method of bringing charges and does not represent any evidence of an individual's guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until such time, if ever, the government establishes his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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